Unemployment allowance in Andhra Pradesh

2658. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal to the Central Government seeking a sanction for providing unemployment allowance to the unemployed people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) by when the aforesaid amount is to be made available to the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Neither the Planning Commission nor the Ministry of Labour & Employment has received any such proposal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase in unemployment rate

2659. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the latest National Sample Survey, the unemployment rate in the country has gone up from 1.9 percent in 1993-94 to 2.23 percent in 1999-2000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unemployment has gone up from 2.2 per cent in 1995 to 4.3. per cent in 2000;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard to create more and more employment opportunities; and

(d) what schemes Government have for organized and unorganized sectors in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last two surveys for which results are available relate to the years 1993-94 and 1999-2000.